

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
April 21, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Murphy led us in the Lords Prayer.

Members Present: Councilman Fountain, Councilman Thompson,
Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Hackman,
Councilman Reedy, Councilman Murphy, Councilman
Prange

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers,
Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010 meeting as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy reported that the Plan Commission met last evening and voted to set up a plat committee. The details are not in place at this time but Councilman Murphy stated that he will keep the Council informed. The Plan Commission also voted to reclassify the position of Plan Commissioner Mike Weir to an Executive I position beginning in January of 2011.

Councilwoman Hackman made a report regarding the K-9 Control stating that issues with insurance have been resolved.

Councilman Brewer reported that he had recently attended the Extension Board Meeting and it was announced that Extension Educator Mary Alice Sharp will be retiring at the end of May and they will be looking to fill this position.

Councilman Thompson reported that the City of Seymour is working towards the annexation of Snyder Acres and Eagle Point on the west end. Councilman Thompson will keep Council informed.

Councilman Reedy reported that he expects to hear something in early fall on his submittal of information to Google.

Councilman Fountain reported that he has met with Financial Advisor Eric Reedy, Highway Supervisor Warren Martin, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel and Councilwoman Debbie Hackman to discuss funding of various paving projects. Eric Reedy feels that the county can pay for the paving from current funds.

Councilman Fountain made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation Requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$255,700.00 for repairs on various bridges. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$33,550.00 for the purchase of two new trucks. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$3,995.00 for a new copier. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the amount requested. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund in the amount of \$48,700.00 to replace the budgeted amounts appropriated for use in the Prosecutors Deferral Fund. The Deferral Fund no longer has sufficient funds to cover the appropriations. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Prosecutors Victim Assistance Fund in the amount of \$7,987.00 to pay for part time help in the office. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Recorder Traci Hubbard appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Capital Projects Bond in the amount of \$3,295.00 for the purchase of a new copier. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange made a motion to waive the third reading the Additional Appropriation Requests and approve as on the second reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor appeared before Council requesting an Emergency Transfer within the MVH fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 from 2-202-224 (other supplies) to 2-202-371 (equipment rental). Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange stepped out.

Jack Napier with Crothersville Supply Company appeared before Council requesting approval of a tax abatement on real estate located at 9564 E. Co. Rd. 600 S., Crothersville, Indiana. The company has built a 24000 sq.ft. building to house new manufacturing equipment as well as space for storage. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Andy Nehrt with Pro-Form Plastics appeared before Council requesting approval of tax abatements for property located at 11624 E. State Rd. 250, Crothersville, Indiana. Two separate abatements were requested. One for a 12,000 sq. ft. warehouse and the other for an 8,000 sq. ft. building addition. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the requests. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel appeared before Council informing them that Commissioners have voted to hire Ratio Architects to do a space study for Jackson County. The cost will be \$20,000.00 and Ratio Architects will make recommendations once the study is complete. Commissioners will request an additional appropriation at the May Council meeting.

Councilman Fountain informed fellow Councilpersons that he has spoke with Jackson County Clerk Sarah Benter and due to new requirements the county will have to purchase new voting machines.

Superior Court II Judge, Bruce Markel appeared before Council with an update on what the Drug & Alcohol program is planning to do in an effort to cut costs. Judge Markel requested earlier that Council consider paying the medical insurance and retirement. Councilwoman Hackman stated that she is very impressed by what the Judge and employees are willing to do in an effort to save the program and encourages Council to support them. After much discussion Council instructed Judge Markel to submit an additional appropriation from the CEDIT Fund in an amount not to exceed \$18,550.00 to supplement the department.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman submitted the jail report for the month of March, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Andy Fountain – President

Debra Eggeman - attest

